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1. Soviet motor columns are quartered in the Katowice region; Soviet authorities are trying to reduce to a minimum the visits of personnel to the town. Restaurant and cafe owners in Katowice have been asked by the Soviet town command to state whether they desire the patronage of Soviet soldiers. Establishments where Soviet troops are not desired are put out of bounds. In the event of a clash with Soviet soldiers, a telephone call is placed to the Soviet headquarters or to the military post at the railroad station. A patrol is dispatched immediately to remove the Soviets. The patrol settles unpaid bills with the money taken from the soldiers who have been arrested. As a rule, Soviet officers do not frequent public places.
2. Senior Soviet officers serving with the Polish Army hold themselves aloof from the Poles. They do not frequent restaurants and other public places. Polish officers of the Polish Army who participated in the September 1939 campaign compare very favorably with the more recently commissioned officers. The former, who have either arrived from the east or have remained in Poland, have been mobilized or have voluntarily joined the Army. Those who were in a PW camp in Pomerania were called up for military service. Officers commissioned by Marshal Rola Zymierski in 1944-1945 have a bad reputation.
3. Soldiers of the Polish 1st Army are not enthusiastic about their stay in the USSR. Their attitude is negative and often hostile towards the Soviets. Their talks about their experiences in the USSR do not find favor with the present "democratic" authorities. There is considerable good comradeship among the soldiers of the 1st Army. They speak with much appreciation of General Berling.

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